

President's Notes

Our speaker this week is our very own Darrell Bonapart who will be giving his Classification Speech! We are looking forward to hearing more about Darrell. See the next page for part of his bio.

I hope you are thinking about a friend or acquaintance that you can invite to our **Discover Rotary** session. It's coming quickly. Please let Kevin know whom you invite so that we have an accurate head count. We will spend a few minutes at the beginning of Friday's meeting to discuss who you think might be good Rotarians.

Amelia did an amazing job last week regarding Human Trafficking/Modern Slavery! So much so that our DG line has joined the [Rotary Action Group Against Slavery](#) (as did I) and signed a pledge to continue the fight for the next few years.

Check out the link on page 5 to learn more about Gewina Lawson of Morningstar Storage, one of our sponsors.

There is lots of wonderful information on service projects this week, as well as an invitation from the Rotary Action Group for Peace to celebrate the International Day of Peace. That info is on pages 4-6.

If you are wondering what our members are up to and how they are doing, the rest of the newsletter consists of updates from many of them.

Enjoy your day and hope to see you on Friday!

MENU

Please email me your choice by Thursday at
8:00 pm to jakendrick@outlook.com

- **Blue : Chicken Quesadillas** Juicy grilled chicken breast, roasted green peppers and onions, diced jalapenos, cheddar jack cheese, blend, all stuffed in a large flour tortilla. Served with side of spicy salsa and sour cream.
- **Yellow: House-Made Pulled Pork Sandwich** Slow roasted hand-pulled pork seasoned to perfection served on a locally backed brioche bun, with house-made BBQ sauce. Choose Fruit or Fries
- **Green: The Berkeley** Fresh Alaskan salmon lightly blackened and placed atop a bed of fresh spinach with shredded carrots, sweet strawberries, chopped onions, and mandarin oranges. Served with a side of soy ginger vinaigrette.

Dilworth Neighborhood Grille
911 E Morehead
[Zoom Link](#)
Meeting ID 82201305003
Fridays at 11:30 am

Upcoming Speakers

12 Classification Talk with Darrell Bonapart
19 Mecklenburg Ministries (MeckMIN) with LeDayne McLeese Polaski
26 Discover Rotary 10:30
Service Project 11:30

August Volunteer

13 East Blvd Street Cleaning
18 Diaper Bank
23 NC MedAssist
27 Saturday Diaper Bank

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August Birthdays

16 Dana O'Connell
20 Tom Philson
27 Kay May
27 Joy Rucker

August Anniversaries

Kate Richards (27 years)
Lynna Moen (3 years)

This Week's Speaker - Classification Speech by Darrell Bonapart



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82201305003>

Darrell Bonapart was born in Charlotte, NC, and a graduate of South Mecklenburg High School. He graduated from Rutledge Business College with a degree in Business Administration. Darrell grew up in a working-class family and is the youngest of eight siblings.

Darrell has 20 years of experience in banking and finance. His areas of focus within the banking industry cover Human Resource Management, Mortgage Underwriting, Certified Training, and Development Consultant, Real Estate Treasury, and more. He is continually building upon his experience in the finance industry as a licensed Life Insurance Agent with a national brokerage firm.

He has been prominent in helping to make the city of Charlotte a better community for all. He served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Council on Aging, where his focus was on improving the health and independence of older adult Charlotteans and increasing their contributions to the community. As a member of the Board of Directors, Mecklenburg County, Quasi-Judicial, Zoning Board of Adjustments, he helped preserve the safety and welfare of the community by encouraging safe construction and the most appropriate use of land throughout the city. Lastly, he served as a member of the board of directors for Thompson's Child and Family Focus where the organization's mission is the counseling and treatment of abused and neglected children.

He is a true patriot who fully endorses the country's Homeland Security initiatives. Simultaneously, as he worked in the banking industry, he serves honorably in the US military as a member of the North Carolina Army National Guard. Darrell furthered his military studies at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO where he graduated from the US Army School of Engineering in 1991, and Ft. Sam Houston, TX, graduating from the US Army School of Medicine in 2000. As a Non-commissioned Officer, he deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom (October 2003 to March 2005). He is now a fully retired disabled military veteran.

Remaining committed to serving veterans and the community; he is the current District 20 Commander for the North Carolina American Legion responsible for overseeing the operations of 13 veterans' posts throughout Charlotte Mecklenburg County consisting of more than 2000 members.

Discover Rotary

Our Club will be embarking on a Discover Rotary mission by scheduling four such meetings over the next year. Discover Rotary is a way of providing visitors and prospective members some background information on Rotary and in particular, our Club. We tell them what being a Rotarian is all about and show them how our Service connects us to our communities and to one another. Other clubs that have hosted these events have achieved much success in attracting new members, provided we can get them through the doors! That's where each of you comes in. **We are asking each of you to think of someone who might be a good Rotarian and extend an invitation to that person to attend our inaugural meeting, to be held at 10:30 am on August 26, 2022.** I have a presentation that I will share at that time and as the person extending the invitation, we invite you to attend as well.

Our plan is to invite the prospective members to stay for our lunch meeting afterwards, which will be a hands-on service project. ***Please start thinking about inviting someone you believe will be a valuable member of Rotary and let me know the name of that person so we can keep a running list.***

(Kevin Kendrick)

Last Week's Meeting



For those who couldn't attend last week's meeting, [you can watch at this link.](#) Amelia Stansell did an amazing job in pumping us up to find ways to fight against Human Trafficking /Modern Slavery. She also convinced DG Kam and DGE Debb to commit to this at the district level. [This link will take you to the District Pledge that they signed!](#)



Queen City IMPACT Dates to Remember All are Invited

Queen City IMPACT by
Rotary
Club of Charlotte Dilworth South End

Club Service

August 27th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Charlotte Diaper Bank



Volunteer Opportunities

The Queen City Impact Club and the Charlotte Dilworth Rotary Club are combining their resources to support the North Carolina Diaper Bank in a diaper-wrapping project to be held at the Diaper Bank's warehouse on Saturday, 8/27/22. We plan on having at least one Saturday project per quarter since we know it's difficult for some of us to make time during the week. This project with the Diaper Bank, will ensure families in need of these products will have them. Our shift on 8/27 will run from 10:00 am until noon. The warehouse is located at 3418 Vane Court | Charlotte, NC 28206.



We are limited to 30 slots for this project. [Please sign up here.](#) I hope to see many of you on the 27th while we serve to make a real difference in our communities. (Kevin Kendrick)



ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

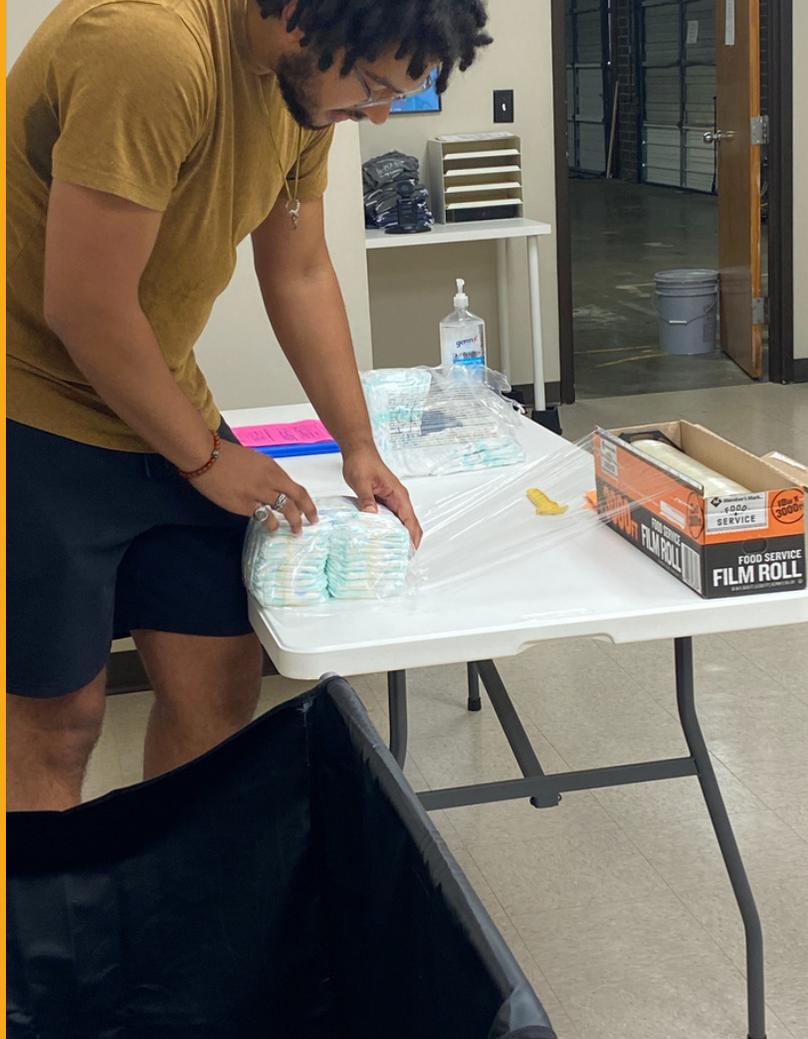
[Here is the Signup Genius link for all of the volunteer opportunities.](#)

Service Abounds!

We have had a couple of terrific service opportunities including at the Diaper Bank of North Carolina last Thursday and this week at NC MedAssist. At the Diaper Bank last week, it was fun to wrap a bunch of size 3 diapers with Jerry Coughter of the Charlotte Club and Rebekah Taff of our very own Dilworth Club! My neighbor, Alexander, joined us again and shared this message with me later: "Today was a blast – I'd be honored to continue doing this with you all!" We also took the occasion to present two boxes of feminine hygiene pads to Avery Payne, warehouse manager, for the Diaper Bank. I appreciate all of the support we receive on our projects but I'm especially grateful when we have young people like Alexander join us and see the value that service can bring!

At MedAssist this week, we were really fortunate to have a full complement of volunteers with members from five clubs helping. Jerry and Claire Coughter of the Charlotte Club, Linda and Jerry Rakvic of the Meck South and Lake Wylie Rotary Clubs, Jerry Overcash and Helmut Schildknecht of the Charlotte International Club, and Howard Castleman and me, representing our Dilworth Club. We packed 310 generic bags for a mobile event in Transylvania County and repackaged hundreds of other OTC medications. A huge thank you to all who helped bring so much to others through their volunteer efforts!

Diaper Bank



NC MedAssist



International Day of Peace Celebration



SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 - From 4:00-7:00 pm - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE CELEBRATION

The Peacebuilding, Conflict Prevention, and Resolution (PCPR) committee of District 7680 has the pleasure to invite you to the International Day of Peace.

Location - THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, 1817 CENTRAL AVE, CHARLOTTE

Please join us for Fellowship, Food, Peace Education and Fun

The theme for this year is: END RACISM. BUILD PEACE.

From education to the arts, social justice, sports, health, to the environment, neighborhood issues, service for others, there are many ways to participate in Peace Building. Please join us and bring your favorite ethnic food dish for a potluck dinner. Invite your friends, bring your kids, it is a family event. To register please go to the link below:

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/7680internationaldayofpeace>

Morningstar Employee Highlight

[Click here to find out more about our sponsor Gewina Lawson, Morningstar Storage.](#)

Thanks to Our Sponsors!



Member Update

By: Our Club's 2022-2023 Care & Concerns Team Members: John Barringer, Bob Teague, Dave Miller, David Hodgkins, Jenny Kendrick, Kevin Kendrick, & Jim Stump

Your Club's Care & Concern Team Members have recently been in contact with the following members and are happy to share Member Updates below:

Davis Bandi (Reported by David Hodgkins and in his own words): "He is staying well and working hard as he is at the beginning of his career with Equitable. Right now, his work responsibilities have made it hard to attend meetings on Friday, however, he wants to stay involved as best he can and hopes that things will get a little easier in the near future so he can get back to being with us for our meetings. Davis really appreciated the call and the fact we were thinking about him!"

Michael Deeb (Reported by David Hodgkins and in his own words): "Michael has moved into his new home off Sardis Road and Sardis Road North and is trying to get all his things out of boxes; we all understand this part of moving! In his words, his business has been crazy of late - tremendous growth, and with that comes an increased workload. As a reminder for all, Michael's company deals with sale and resale of NFL PSL Seats - for not only the Panthers but many of the other NFL teams! He hopes that he will be able to get back to the Friday meetings as he really enjoys being in our club!"

Charlie Seaman (Reported by David Hodgkins and in his own words): "Charlie continues to be busy in his Property Management Business, however, he finds it increasingly tough to make the Friday meetings. Charlie is a dedicated member of the East Blvd. Street Cleaning Crew and is signed up for the rest of the year on this Committee. Charlie also wants to try and do more Rotary project-related things with the club when he can."

Alan Loeser (Reported by David Hodgkins and in his own words): "Alan, wife Pattie, and family are all well. They just had a family reunion in New England which he really enjoyed. Alan is also a dedicated member of the Red Cross Emergency Response team; he is usually called to respond to needs related to fire events and flooding events. As such, he expects to be in Kentucky soon to help those that have lost everything due to the recent flooding there".

David Hodgkins (In his own words): "Donna & I are well - staying safe - enjoying our new home in Dilworth Crescent. Just had our 15-year-old grandson visit from Brooklyn, New York. for his annual "Grandparents Camp" with us. Looking forward to an upcoming week in Cape Cod for R & R. I really enjoy our meetings and our projects! Again, many thanks to Kelly Cates for a great year as President! I am looking forward to supporting Jenny Kendrick this year as she stepped up to be the 2022-2023 Club President."

Harding Shinn: Harding sends his warmest wishes and greetings to all of the Club. Harding does "Zoom" with us when he can. Harding advises that his health is good, but he does have some mobility issues and doesn't get out too much anymore. Harding greatly appreciates your phone calls and always loves to hear from Club Members. He advises that he spends much of his time reading and is "now doing some writing". Harding, we CONTINUE to be MOST GRATEFUL for your long-standing and outstanding support for the

Rotary International Foundation, and for your leadership and service to Dilworth South End Rotary since 1948!!! Please keep Harding on your regular call/contact list if you haven't already done so. **Harding is our oldest Club Member, joining our Rotary Club on October 13, 1948!!**

Jenny Kendrick: Jenny reports that she is doing well - just very busy with Rotary stuff! We are all very grateful for her leadership this Rotary Year as our Club's President!

Kevin Kendrick: Kevin will become our District 7680 Governor in the 2024-2025 Rotary Year. It is a wonderful honor for a Club to have a Governor in their midst, and Kevin will be the 4th District Governor from our Club (Earlier Governors from Dilworth South End Rotary included Jones Pharr, Jim Stump, and Joe Morris). Kevin is also serving our Rotary District 7680 in other roles. Both Kevin and Jenny are enjoying (greatly) their babysitting "duties" with their 2 1/2-year-old grandson and they ALSO have a NEW granddaughter! Congratulations to Kevin and Jenny on this newest Grandchild.

Rosemary Hil: Rosemary has recently been in Florida for an extended visit with family in the New Smyrna Beach area of Florida. She loves to gather in Florida with family and she is also a native of Florida. While in Florida she was able to see the famous Sea Turtle nesting areas (soon to be hatching) and also did get into the water (albeit "only briefly"). The ocean waters near New Smyrna Beach are the NUMBER ONE SHARK-BITING area and thus the shark-biting "capital" of the world!

Joy Rucker: Over Easter, Joy received a marriage proposal from Joey and they are now engaged. Heartiest Congratulations to Joy and Joey! A wedding date hasn't been set, but they are considering some dates next year. She reports that she and Joey "really enjoy being engaged". They do have some upcoming trips planned. Joy's work at the bank continues to keep her very busy and our Club Members greatly appreciate her key leadership role as our Club's Treasurer! Of interest, Joy mentioned that her parents have just celebrated their 44th Wedding Anniversary. We send along our best wishes to Joy, Joey, and her parents!

Barbara Horstmann: Barbara sends her greetings to all of the Club. She misses being with us in person but has been a very regular and faithful "Zoom" attendee. She reports that she is now feeling much better after some medication adjustments that have taken some time to find the right mix. She also reports that her children and grandchildren are doing fine.

Bob Teague: Bob reports that he is feeling much better these days. In his own words, "Life is good and my health is in a much better place than it was two months ago." Bob added an important message for all of us: "As David Miller likes to say.....'Yesterday is History.....Tomorrow is a Mystery.....But, Today is a GIFT!' AMEN, Dave."

Tom Philson (Reported by Bob Teague): Tom reports that he is doing well and that he appreciates the "update call" (and his many friends in Dilworth South End Rotary). Tom joined Dilworth South End Rotary on June 1, 1983, and is a Past President of our Club. As Tom approaches his 40th Anniversary as a Member of Rotary International, we thank Tom for his many contributions to our Club, his dedication and service to Rotary, and for his leadership of our Club!

Kelly Cates (Reported by Bob Teague): Kelly reports that summer/family activities have been good and life is "outstanding". Kelly continues to be very busy at Promising Pages and has just finished the past Rotary Year as our Club President. The Club sends along its continuing thanks and deepest appreciation for your very committed and very dedicated leadership as our President for 2021-2022!!

Taylor Houston (Reported by Bob Teague): Bob reports that "he has it from reliable sources" that Taylor's family vacation went well, but on his return, an incident with the outdoor grill left him with a severely injured finger (and thus creating issues with his ability to function normally with his hand). Taylor, your many friends in Rotary wish you a full and speedy recovery. Taylor is the Editor of the DILWORTHIAN and we see the fine results of his handiwork each week. Taylor thanks for all you do!

Bob Lyons (Reported by Dave Miller and in his own words): "I talked with Bob several days ago and he is doing OK. He is staying home a lot of the time due to the COVID situation. However, he shared with me that he resigned from the club on July 1, and we are very sorry to receive this information. Bob is a long-time member of the club. He joined the club in 1989, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and has been very active in many Club projects (especially in support of the Boy Scouts) and the Rotary Foundation. We want to wish Bob well and thank him for his very dedicated service to Dilworth South End Rotary, our community, and Rotary International.

Gus Psomadakis (Reported by Dave Miller and in his own words): Gus returned my call today and he continues to have back issues. I previously reported that he had a fall in March of this year and they found a cracked vertebrae with an MRI. Several weeks ago he had another fall. He will be getting another MRI on August 19. In addition, he currently has a "cold". Gus has been and continues to wear a brace. (Gus, we hope that you'll be feeling better real soon!!)

Dave Miller (In his own words): I have just completed an experience with COVID. It was a mild to moderate case that lasted several weeks. I caught it from Karen who got it when helping with Vacation Bible School. We are both doing fine now. Karen will be having surgery on the 23rd of this month. Good outcomes are predicted. We will soon attend our 34th annual family reunion which we call the "Crab and Corn feast" and we are looking forward to it.

Darrell Bonapart (Reported by Bob Teague and in his own words): "I had been dealing with COVID-19 since July 28 due to a conference I attended in Las Vegas. I became sick very fast and got better after 9 days, thank goodness. My energy is the main thing that has not fully returned. I am glad to be feeling better but hope to never deal with this illness again. It's horrible."

Jay Patel (Reported by Kevin Kendrick): I met with Jay last week at his request to meet the CEO of Samaritan's Feet, Manny Ohonme, at the Samaritan's Feet main office. Jerry Overcash from the Charlotte International Club was also present. We discussed Samaritan's Feet and their widespread presence, being located in some 109 countries around the world. Jay and Manny have been friends for years and we discussed some ways in which Rotary might be able to partner with Samaritan's Feet. Jay had also shared with me that his Mom had passed away a few days earlier and one of her wishes was that Jay and his family serve a meal to the less fortunate. I provided Jay with a few opportunities to provide this service and I'm happy to report that he and eight members of his family were able to sign up for volunteer service at "Rice and Beans", serving the homeless on 8/31. He will be making a donation to this organization as well.